

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 12-15, 17 and 19-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2 and 12, 19 and 20 have been amended. Claims 6, 11 and 18 are cancelled. Claims 9 and 16 have been cancelled by a previous amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are requested in view of the amendments and following remarks.

Initially, Applicants thank Examiner Pich for granting telephonic interviews on February 13 and 14, 2007. Applicants also wish to thank Examiner Pich for his time and helpful comments during the telephonic interviews.

During the telephonic interviews the Examiner and Applicants' representative discussed at length the difference between the prior art, specifically, Inoue et al. and the features recited in the claims.

The Examiner alleges that Inoue et al. teaches that the user authentication and registration request may be a single set; and therefore, if the user authentication is denied (failure count), then by virtue of the combination set, the registration request is also denied. Applicants' representative remarked that Inoue et al. teaches that the "registration request" (message) of the portable computer is not an identifier of the portable computer, but rather an indication of the current location of the portable computer sent to the home agent. Column 1, lines 57-58; column 7, lines 38-40. Therefore, the registration request, even if made by the portable computer, is not a request for authentication by the portable computer. The registration request only informs the home agent of its current location.

However, for the sake of advancing prosecution, Applicants' representative agreed to further clarify the claims through amendment. For example, the Examiner requested an

amendment to clarify that the “identifier” belongs to the mobile station, and another amendment to clarify the “network.” Applicants have made those clarifying amendments. In addition, as far as Applicants’ knowledge is concerned, Applicants are not aware that a portable computer was capable of voice communication in 1996 and 1998, the respective years when the Sis and Inoue et al. applications were filed.

Therefore, based on the discussions during the telephonic interviews, it was agreed that if the independent claims were amended to distinguish over a portable computer, such amendments would overcome the rejections with respect to the cited references.

Applicants have amended “network” to further recite “a wireless data and voice network.” The Examiner will note that this limitation was in original claims 6, 11 and 18. In addition, Applicants did not want to add features that may not be supported by the original specification. As remarked above, at the time of the filing of the Sis and Inoue et al. applications, portable computers were not capable of data and voice transmissions, therefore, reciting that the network is a “wireless data and voice network,” the independent claims are further distinguished over the Examiner’s cited references.

For at least the reasons give above, Applicants submit that the claims are now in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

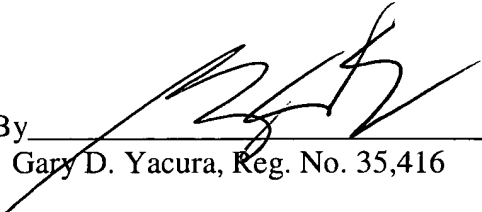
In view of the above remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 12-15, 17 and 19-20 are respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below. If the Examiner believes that a personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 668-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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